

late item for your High
breakfast table.

Should go in Tab E (Libya -
Terrorism).



Date 18 Jan 82

SUBJECT: Topic for Discussion at DCI Breakfast Meeting
with Secretary Haig on 19 January 1982

Ghana - Libyan Activities in Ghana in the
Wake of J. J. Rawlings Led Coup

There is no question that the Libyans want to become involved in activities in Ghana following the overthrow of the Limann Government. Diplomatic relations between Tripoli and Accra, broken by ex-President Limann in November 1980, have been reestablished. Jerry Rawlings turned down an offer of Libyan troop assistance, but he made a request for economic aid to a Libyan delegation that visited Accra on 9-10 January. A Ghanaian delegation is scheduled to visit Libya shortly to discuss detailed proposals. One of Rawlings' objectives is to seek an alternate oil supplier to Nigeria, which cut off oil to Ghana during the first Rawlings' coup in 1979. However, the Nigerian High Commissioner assured Rawlings that Nigeria would honor its commitments to provide oil to Ghana, realizing that Libya would be more than willing to replace Nigerian oil. Despite pressure from some of his more extreme advisers to move closer towards Libya, Rawlings said he would not favor direct Libyan involvement in Ghana. One obstacle to the spread of Libyan influence in Ghana is the lack of a substantial Islamic population there.

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To date, there is no evidence of Soviet complicity in events in Ghana.